the fake notes seized in the past in order to enable the Government to take remedial action *vis-a-vis* printing and security features. The Committee has submitted its report.

(iv) RBI has been advised to go in for a publicity campaign about security features incorporated in the genuine notes.

The Reserve Bank of India has taken the following steps:

(1) The security features of Rs. 500 denomination notes has been widely publicized in the print media to help the people detect fake notes.

(2) A film on security features of Rs. 500 denomination notes produced in English, Hindi and other regional languages has been telecast on Doordarshan.

(3) For the benefit of public, a booklet has been brought out which *inter-alia,* describes the features of genuine notes. This booklet has been placed on the RBI website besides being available to the public for sale at RBI's issue offices.

(4) RBI has also offered to impart training to officials in the State Governments in the detection of fake currency notes.

The Ministry of External Affairs have been taken up the matter with Government of Nepal. Both the sides have expressed determination to take urgent necessary steps to prevent the misuse of Nepalese territory for activities directed against India.

Instructions are also issued to all State Governments from time to time to take appropriate measures for curbing the menace of circulation of fake currency notes.

Gangs engaged in fake currency notes in Delhi

†1721. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gangs apprehended engaged in printing and circulation of fake currency notes in Delhi during the current year;

(b) whether any evidence has been found with regard to connection of these gangs with the terrorists and underworld criminals; and

(c) whether the Crime Branch of Delhi Police is conducting a special drive against the criminals indulging in the circulations of fake currency notes?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) During the current year, Delhi Police apprehended members of one gang involved in printing and circulation of fake currency notes and of another 14 gangs involved in circulation of fake currency.

(b) In 7 cases, fake currency notes were recovered from persons having links with Pak ISI, terrorist organizations or underworld gangsters.

(c) Delhi Police exercise a constant vigil to detect such cases.-

Suspension of funds to be released to NGOs in Manipur

1722. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued instructions for suspending funds to be released to the NGOs in Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of NGOs which are receiving complaints against them; and

(d) position of the Ministry in respect of those NGOs which are working properly and which are aided for the first time under the Central programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In December, 2000 the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued instructions to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to suspend further allocation of funds to Non-Governmental Organisations in Manipur until a thorough personal verification is carried out, of the utilization of funds, by senior officers of the Government of India as there were reports against some of the Non-Governmental Organisations for their alleged links with the militant organisations. The State Governments of Manipur and Assam have registered cases against the All Manipur Students Union and Manab Adhikar Sangram Samiti in this regard. In February, 2001, Ministry of Home Affairs has *inter-alia* clarified that if on inspection, it is found that the funds have been properly utilized, the Central Ministries/ Central Agencies can go ahead with the further release of funds as per approved schemes. Hence, genuine Non-Governmental Organisations, which are found to have properly utilized funds are eligible for further funding by the Ministries. In case, funds are not utilized or misutilized, the Central Ministries/Central Agencies, should blacklist the erring Non-Governmental Organisations and take